

# Equipment Manager Report

2020 - 2021 season

- The fallout of COVID and the premature closing of the 2019/2020 season resulted in the association deciding not to collect equipment.
- I joined the executive in November 2020 in the midst of an extraordinary ringette season and set a list of priorities.
- #1 Taking into account the rules for social distancing, face-masks and no sharing of equipment, the exec agreed to use some of the Jumpstart grant money to purchase 6 shooter tutors, 20 squeeze whistles and 400 practice jerseys since we couldn't use our pinnies. A big thank you to Gadar for providing lanyards for the whistles and the Hornets logo for the jerseys at no cost to the association.
- #2 Years ago the association had a central accessible permanent equipment location that was not a private residence. I felt it was important to go back to that model so the equipment didn't need to be moved every couple of years and also so that it was accessible to a greater number of exec members when necessary. Covid made it a difficult task. After several months of research we decided that the cost of storage rental is too great for our association and that a sea container is the most cost efficient long term solution. A HUGE thank you to the Greely Legion for allowing MDRA to place the sea container permanently on their property. Another sincere thank you to Crepin Cartage for offering free stone that is needed to level the land under the container. Lastly, but certainly not least, I'd like to thank Grant Hornsby who very early on contacted me about helping with the sea container. He's prepped the land and will be helping to create storage inside the container to suit our needs. I truly appreciate having his support as I am out of my element and learning tons in this capacity. Who would have known that there is a world wide sea container shortage because of COVID!? We are currently on a waitlist and hope to hear soon. The cost is approx \$7k with some needed modifications. Again, COVID has seen sea containers double or more in the past few months but even so, this is still the best option. The executive has put aside 3k from the Jumpstart grant. Thank you so very much to all of the members who have donated a portion, or all, of their season refund to this purchase, your cumulative donation is over \$900! It's our intention, COVID permitting, to run a two night drive in movie event at the Greely Legion to offset costs. We will split the ticket proceeds with the Legion as a way of thanking them for using their

space. Whatever cost remains, we have the money in our budget to cover the expense.

- #3 In the process of researching storage, I contacted our councilor George Darouze's office. I am grateful to the ward assistant, Jane DiRaimo, for her support. Within days she had connected me with the president of the Greely Legion and she presented us with the opportunity for our association to advertise on 3 new Service Board signs entering Metcalfe for the next year which we happily accepted. The sole cost was \$93.23 for the 3 Hornet logo decals. Many thanks to our councilor and his incredible staff.
- #4 with the season officially over in March, I set up an equipment return at my home (on the driveway) on Mar 22 & 23. Then in early April, I collected the equipment being stored in the home of our previous equipment director. As you can imagine, with the various pods and pod shuffles, tracking and organizing equipment has been a challenging task. Thank you to Grace Wylie who, over the past month, has been helping me with this job. It's a terrific win-win situation as she is also acquiring hard to come by volunteer hours for school. There is still equipment "out there" so there is no final count yet of our inventory. I am optimistic that we will have all of the equipment settled in our new storage container for the start of the next ringette season.
- Lastly, I want to thank all of our members: parents, players, coaches and executive members for your patience, understanding and support during these unusual times. COVID has presented many challenges but as an association we have risen to the occasion and stayed the course. [Go Hornets Go!](#) 🐝